the liberalisation of the economy. The outlay for rural development in 1992-93 was Rs. 3100 crores which has been increased substantially to Rs. 5010 crores in 1993-94.

In addition to the poverty alleviation programme the Eighth Plan aims at generating greater employment by concentrating on sectors with high employment potential.

चन्दन तेल उद्योग को पेश आ रही कठिनाइयां

*69. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :

श्री सोम पाल :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को कन्नौज के चन्दन तेल उद्योग को पेश आ रही कठिनाइयों का ज्ञान है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है,

(ग) इन कठिनाइयों को दूर करने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं

(घ) क्या सरकार इस उद्योग को पेश आ रही कठिनाइयों का जायजा लेने हेतु एक केन्द्रीय दल भेजने का विचार रखते हैं, और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो कब तक ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरियो) : (क) से (ङ) विकास आयुक्त, लघु उद्योग का कार्यालय (डी एस एस ओ ई) को कन्नौज में चन्दन का तेल बनाने वाली लघु उद्योग इकाईयों से अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त होते रहे हैं, जिसमें कहा गया है कि तमिलनाडु सरकार (वन विभाग) ने कुछ समय से विशेषकर तिरूवत्तूर (नार्थ अरकोट) और सलेम तथा सत्यमंगलम (जिला पेरियार) स्थित अपने डिपुओं में चन्दन की लकड़ी की नीलामी बन्द कर दी है। इसके परिणामस्वरूप कन्नौज सहित देश के विभिन्न भागों में चन्दन की लकड़ी की कमी हो गई है। डीसीएसएसआई कार्यालय ने यह जानने के लिए पहले ही राज्य सरकार से अनुरोध किया है कि चन्दन की लकड़ी की नीलामी कब तक शुरू किए जाने की संभावना है। डीसीएसएसआई ने चन्दन क. लकड़ी की उपलब्धता में सुधार लाने के लिए बार-बार नीलामी को बहाल करने पर विचार करने का भी राज्य सरकार से अनुरोध किया है। ताकि चन्दन तेल और इत्र बनाने वाली लघु इकाईयों को नुकसान न हो।

इसके अतिरिक्त, भारतीय इत्र संघ, कन्नौज ने अभ्यावेदन दिया है कि चन्दन के तेल पर लगे उत्पादन शुल्क ने उद्योग पर बुरा असर डाला है, क्योंकि इत्र बनाने में चन्दन का तेल एक महत्वपूर्ण आधार है जिसका इत्र के निर्माण में प्रयोग किया जाता है।

Appointment of Presenting Officers

*70. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the replies given in the Rajya Sabha to the Unstarred Question Nos. 4598 dated 20-8-92 and 2926 dated 18-3-93 and state :

(a) the reasons/circumstances under which the technical flaw was caused and which the management of IDPL realised after enquiry proceedings were started;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said flaw was pointed out before the proceedings were started but no action was taken on that, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether IDPL had appointed the General Manager (Production) as disciplinary authority in order to gain time on such serious matters, when General Manager (Sales) was available at that time; and

(d) what were the charges listed in the show cause notice of 1-6-90 and those listed in the charge-sheet of dated 21-5-90 as referred to in reply to part (e) and (f) of the referred Question No. 4598 dated 20-8-92 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO

PALEIRO) : (a) The flaw which was a technical one, was an error.

(b) on being noticed, the flaw was removed.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The sole charge listed in the show cause notice dated 1-6-90 was unauthorised absence from duty for more than 30 days. In the charge sheet dated 21-5-90, the charges were unauthorised absence from 12-3-89 and use of intemperate language smacking of insubordination on the part of the official.

Seminar on Criminalisation of politics

*71. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a seminar on Criminalisation of politics was held recently in the capital;

(b) if so, the gist of the points discussed at the seminar;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a consensus was achieved on the need for adopting a code of conduct for political parties of the country; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) As per the newspaper reports, a seminar on 'Criminalisation of Politics in India' was recently organised by the Centre for New Perspectives, a registered society, at New Delhi. On the basis of information furnished by the Centre, among others, the points discussed at the seminar related to : entry of criminal elements into the body politics; its nexus between politicians and others; its damaging influence on the electoral proceds; booth capturing and rigging.

(c) As per information supplied by the Centre, broad consensus on the following points was arrived at : disassociation by political parties with criminal elements. etc.; active involvement of society in discouraging the anti-social elements; support of media, social activists, intellectuals, etc. ; national debate on the subject ; reform in electoral laws.

(d) A comprehensive package regarding electoral reforms is under consideration of the Government.

Funds for Scooters India Ltd.

*72. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have not yet decided to provide working capital to some Undertaking like Scooters India Limited, TAFCO and others for making up the losses in production and earnings; and

(b) whether Government feel that the performance of these companies would have improved much faster had the funds been provided to them in time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) Funds are being provided on yearly basis to Scooters India Ltd., Tannery & Footwear Corporation of India Ltd. and some other loss making Public Sector Undertakings under the Department of Heavy Industry for making up the losses within the overall availability of resources. The performance of these units is dependent on many other factors including their order book position, availability of funds from the banking sector and their market competitiveness.